THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE FACULTY SENATE HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 15, 1978, IN THE FACULTY
CONFERENCE ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR,
LISNER HALL

1 The meeting was called to order by President Elliott at 2:15 p.m.

Present: President Elliott, Registrar Gebhardtsbauer, Amling, Birnbaum, Chitwood, Claeyssens, Ginsburg, Heddesheimer, Hill, Jones, Kurtz, Liebowitz, McDonald, Park, Pierpont, Rashid, Reesing, Robinson, Schiff, Steiner, Toridis, Wallace, Wood, and Ziolkowski

Absent: Provost Bright, Parliamentarian Smalls, Baker, Cohn, Fox, Kramer, Lessin, Linton, Loeser, Sapin, Shotel, Solomon, and Walker

2 The minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 1978, were approved by the Senate as distributed.

3 (a) Professor Wood, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported that the Executive Committee had met several times during the summer regarding faculty grievances but that he had nothing new to report at this time on the progress of the grievance hearings. He advised the Senate that, due to Professor Sharpe's resignation in July from the Faculty Grievance Committee, the Executive Committee found it necessary to elect a replacement, and the committee elected Professor Gerald Caplan of the Law School to fill this vacancy. Professor Wood also reported that Professor Edwin Lewis, Chairman of the 1976 Review Committee of the Faculty Organization Plan, informed him that his committee would be meeting and making a final report in the near future.

(b) Professor Reesing, Chairman of the Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee, reported that his committee had met over the summer and that there were three items presently under review. The first item, he said, concerned what changes, if any, in the Faculty Code should be recommended to enable full-time members of the faculty who hold adjunct appointments to participate in the formation of academic programs, activities of committees, and so forth, at the departmental, college, and Faculty Assembly levels. The other two items to be reviewed by the committee, he said, concerned complaints by faculty members which would be taken up at the committee's next meeting on September 29, 1978.

4 (a) Professor Wood, on behalf of the Executive Committee, reported that the committee had discussed at some length the adequacy or inadequacy of

the University's health insurance plans, particularly the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan. As a result of its discussion, he said that the Executive Committee decided to establish a special committee composed of representatives of the Senate and the administration to review the whole proposition to determine, for example, what kinds of benefits should be available and where the best benefits could be obtained. The members of the special committee are: Professors Gilbert Ginsburg (Law), Howard Pierpont (Surgery), Victor Cohn (Pharmacology), Mr. William Johnson (Budget), and Mr. Carl Lange (Administration and Research).

(b) Professor Jones, Chairman of the Athletics Committee, moved the nomination of Mr. Ronald A. Whitmore for election to the Athletics Committee. Professor Hill, Chairman of the University and Urban Affairs Committee, moved the nomination of Ms. Fran Marsh to the University and Urban Affairs Committee as a replacement for Mr. John R. Wilson. The President called for other nominations from the floor; there were none, and Mr. Whitmore and Ms. Marsh were elected unanimously.

(c) Professor Amling, Chairman of the University Development and Resources Committee, invited nominations from the floor to fill the vacancy on his committee created by the promotion of Dr. Norma M. Loeser to Dean of the School of Government and Business Administration. Professor Rashid moved the nomination of Professor Dorothy Moore of the School of Education and Human Development for election to the University Development and Resources Committee. No other nominations were made and Professor Moore was elected unanimously.

5 Under Brief Statements, Dean Birnbaum informed the Senate that Vincent J. DeAngelis, Professor Emeritus of Physical Education, had recently undergone major surgery at GW Medical Center, and he was happy to report that Professor DeAngelis had made a beautiful recovery and was in excellent spirits.

Professor Hill said he wished to comment on two things. The first, he said, concerned the future of the Peer Advising Program since it was his understanding that Lois Goldberg, Coordinator of the Peer Advising Program, which is housed in Dr. Bright's Office, was planning to leave the University at the end of the academic year. Professor Hill said that there have been some questions raised among the faculty, and among the peer advisers themselves, as to whether this program will be continued, and he thought some clarification from Dr. Bright would be helpful in this regard. Professor Hill expressed the strong support of his department for peer advising which his department considers a very useful adjunct of its own advising operation. Secondly, Professor Hill said that several of his colleagues in Columbian College had expressed an opinion that the University Club fails to meet their social needs and that perhaps these needs might be better met by an alternate facility, such as a plain, unadorned, no-dues Faculty Coffee House. Any further consideration of this suggestion, he said, would depend upon the degree of usage of the present Club and the perceived need among the faculty themselves. In this regard Professor Hill said that he had done a little research on the Club membership of Columbian College faculty for illustrative purposes. Out of a total of 242 rank and file faculty members of Columbian College (i.e., excluding deans, assistant deans, and department chairmen), he found that only 30 faculty members belonged to the University Club, or one out of eight. Professor Hill said that, while he was not vouching for the absolute accuracy of his head count, he thought

these figures might suggest under-usage of the University Club for what could be a variety of reasons - maybe too expensive, too time-consuming, or inconvenient. As the University grows larger and more impersonal, Professor Hill said he thought there was a definite need for an informal social gathering place, centrally located, where faculty could come and go quickly, and meet friends and colleagues. He, therefore, proposed that a sample of faculty opinion be taken to determine whether or not there is among the rank and file faculty of the University a perceived need for something like an informal Faculty Coffee House, and he asked that the Executive Committee create either a special committee or appoint a Senate Standing Committee to carry out this task. Professor Hill further suggested that such a facility might be located in Building CC or the Christian Fellowship Office, which are both centrally located. A discussion followed by Professors McDonald, Ginsburg, and Hill. Professor Wood said that Professor Hill's recommendation would be taken up by the Executive Committee.

Professor Wood then said that he wished to call the attention of the Senate to the recent Manhart decision in which the Supreme Court ruled that women could not be required to contribute more than men to annuity programs in order to receive equal benefits. Professor Wood said that, if anyone was interested in reading a good analysis of this case, it appears in the September issue of the AAUP Bulletin.

Professor Wood asked for the privilege of the floor for Mr. Will Roberts of the Members Service Group who wished to speak about the recently established George Washington University Federal Credit Union. Mr. Roberts said that on May 31, 1978, the National Credit Union Administration, a Federal agency, granted a charter to a group of GW employees to establish and operate a credit union for all GW employees and their immediate families. He said the Credit Union is an employee-owned and operated credit union which serves two primary purposes: (1) to provide its members with an alternative place for saving money, and (2) to provide its members with an alternative source for borrowing money at reasonable rates. He said that each individual member's account is insured up to $40,000 by the National Credit Union Administration and that, by law, a credit union can pay up to 7% per annum dividend on members savings/share accounts and that the maximum interest rate a credit union can charge on loans is 1% per month on the unpaid balance or 12.00 APR. Mr. Roberts said that in the near future a branch office of the Credit Union would be opened on or nearby the campus and that he understood payroll deductions would be available the first of the year to GW employees who wished to use this method of saving. A question and answer period followed. President Elliott said that he would not like his remark to be misconstrued, but he thought it was necessary to state that the charter for this Credit Union is not held by the University, and the University has and is assuming no responsibility or liability. He said that the University, however that institution might be defined, neither opposes nor promotes the establishment of the Credit Union. In other words, the President said, the Credit Union is an instrument, as Mr. Roberts indicated, of employees of the University. Mr. Roberts said that the GWU Federal Credit Union is located at 8653 Georgia Avenue, Suite 205, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, the office hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the telephone number is 588-1860. In closing, Mr. Roberts asked faculty members who were interested in serving on the Credit Union's Board of Directors or Education Committee to contact Mr. Clifford W. Drinnen, Ext. 3498.

6 Upon motion made and seconded, President Elliott adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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The Faculty Senate

September 5, 1978

The Faculty Senate will meet on Friday, September 15, 1978, at 2:10 p.m., in the Faculty Conference Room on the Sixth Floor of Lisner Hall.

AGENDA

1. Call to order

2. Minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 1978

3. Reports:

   (a) Brief report of the Executive Committee by Professor Reuben E. Wood, Chairman

   (b) Brief report of the Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee by Professor John P. Reesing, Jr., Chairman

4. General Business:

   (a) Formation of a Special Committee to review the University's Health Care Benefits; Professor Reuben E. Wood, Chairman, Executive Committee

   (b) Nomination for election of Mr. Ronald A. Whitmore, Director, Equal Opportunity Program, to the Athletics Committee

   (c) Nomination for election of _____ to the University Development and Resources Committee as replacement for Dean Norma M. Loeser, who resigned

5. Brief Statements

6. Adjournment

Robert Gebhardtsbauer
Secretary